



CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

Meeting #2 Summary

South Bay Botanic Garden (Southwestern College)

March 19, 2014

3:00 – 4:45 pm

CCWG MEMBERS & STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Sassan Rahimzadeh	Cory Downs	Pauline Martinson
(Chair)	Ben Flores	Hugo Mora
Robert Beamon	Lynn France	Brendan Reed
Josh Brock	Todd Galarneau	Doug Roberts
Robert Coleman	Janice Kluth	Brenden Seki
Rich D'Ascoli	Nick Lee	Allison Wood
Debbie Discar-Espe	Michael Lengyel	

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Sassan Rahimzadeh initiated the meeting and highlighted its focus on identifying greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction opportunities within the Water sector. Participants also were reminded that, due to full agendas, the meetings will need to start promptly.

MEETING #1 RECAP

Brendan Reed (City staff) reminded CCWG members of its City Council-approved charge to develop recommendations to meet the City's climate goals and presented a brief summary of the CCWG's first meeting.

CURRENT WATER USE & CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Doug Roberts (Sweetwater Authority) and Armando Buelna (Otay Water District) provided an overview of the sources and status of the districts' water supplies and the water conservation rebates and programs offered to their customers. Both presenters confirmed that their respective agencies had already met the State's 20% (by 2020) per capita water reduction goal. Otay Water District also highlighted a potential new source of water from Mexico. CCWG members commented on the role of recycled water in Chula Vista and impacts of long-term water conservation on the water districts' infrastructure costs.

POTENTIAL WATER STRATEGIES & ACTIONS

Brendan Reed reviewed the format of the “Water Sector Planning Matrix” and clarified that its sector-specific GHG reduction estimates are based on all sectors contributing an equal percentage of reductions to meet the City’s 2020 goal. Cory Downs (City staff) presented various policies and programs that other jurisdictions have implemented to address GHG emissions from their Water sector. CCWG members suggested new technologies for onsite wastewater reclamation as a means of providing another drought-tolerant water source.

CLIMATE EDUCATION PARTNER’S PUBLIC POLLING

Emily Young (San Diego Foundation) presented 2012 polling data on the general public’s perception of climate change and its relationship to the region’s quality of life and economic health. Emily also highlighted difference in polling results by political affiliation, ethnicity, and other socio-economic factors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public in attendance.

NEXT MEETING

CCWG members expressed support for having their next meeting on April 16th.